GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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MARINE PARKS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up some marine parks in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and location-wise; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) &(b) As per the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, declaration of an area as National Park or Sanctuary, that include Marine National Parks as well, falls within the jurisdiction of the concerned State/UT Governments. However, where any part of the territorial water is to be so included, prior concurrence of the Central Government is to be obtained by the concerned State/UT Government. As per the information received from the States/UTs, there is only one proposal of Andaman & Nicobar Administration to set up a Marine park, known as Rani Jhansi Marine National Park at Ritchies Archipelago in the eastern coast of the Andaman Sea encompassing three islands viz. Outram Island, John Lawrence Island and Henry Lawrence Island and also the sea around these Islands.

(c) Action lies with the Andaman & Nicobar Administration.